



Anglican Diocese of Wangaratta
Parochial District of Wangaratta West & The Warbys
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST {OS 20}
18th August, 2024—Eucharist 8.00 a.m. 9.30 a.m.

Hymn: AHB 25 / TiS 107. Tune, Kremser.

- Sing praise and thanksgiving, let all creatures living
now worship their maker with gladness and song;
all glory and honour we come to him bringing:
*O praise to the Almighty,
sing praise to our God!***
- Our lives of his making he brings to their waking;
in darkness he held us in his gracious care,
now into the light we are called from our sleeping:
*O praise to the Almighty,
sing praise to our God!***
- Lord, frame our desiring to do your requiring,
that unto your glory be all that we do;
and where we have faltered,
give strength and give healing:
*O praise to the Almighty,
sing praise to our God!***

Paul Gerhardt 1607–76
tr. Margaret Barclay (1951)
adapted by Colin Alexander Gibson 1933–

The Welcome & Greeting

We meet in the name of God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Sentence

Jesus said,
'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me,
and I in them.'

Prayer of Preparation

Let us pray

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Two Great Commandments

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**Lord, have mercy on us:
and write your law in our hearts
by your Holy Spirit.**

The Collect

Let us pray

Everliving God,
your Son, Jesus Christ, gave himself as living bread
for the life of the world:
give us such a knowledge of his presence
that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life
to serve you continually;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The First Book of Kings [2. 10–12; + 3. 3–14]

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned for seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

3.3 Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Psalm 111.

Side A = plain. Side B = *italics* **Altogether = bold**

O praise the Lord.

I will praise the Lord with my whole heart:

*in the company of the upright
and among the congregation.*

The works of the Lord are great:
and studied by all who take delight in them.

*His deeds are majestic and glorious:
and his righteousness stands for ever.*

His marvellous acts have won him a name to be remembered:
the Lord is gracious and merciful.

*He gives food to those that fear him:
he remembers his covenant for ever.*

He showed his people the power of his acts:
in giving them the heritage of the heathen.

*The works of his hands are faithful and just:
and all his commandments are sure;*

They stand firm for ever and ever:
they are done in faithfulness and in truth.

**He sent redemption to his people,
he ordained his covenant for ever:
holy is his name and worthy to be feared.**

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom,
and of good understanding are those
that keep his commandments:
his praise shall endure for ever.**

The Letter of Paul to the Ephesians [5. 11-31]

Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

‘Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.’

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Saviour. Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, so as to present the church to himself in splendour, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, because we are members of his body. 'For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.'

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: AHB 334/TiS 429. Tune, Bread of Life (4 verses).

- 1. Break now the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
as once you broke the loaves beside the sea;
beyond the sacred page I seek you, Lord,
my spirit longs for you, O living Word.**
- 2. Bless your own truth, dear Lord, to me, to me
as when you blessed the bread by Galilee;
then shall all bondage cease, all shackles fall,
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.**
- 3. You are the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
your holy word the truth that rescues me.
Give me to eat and live with you above;
teach me to love your truth, for you are love.**
- 4. O send your Spirit now, dear Lord, to me,
that he may touch my eyes and make me see.
Show me the truth made plain within your Word,
for in your book revealed I see you, Lord.**

Vv1-2 Mary Artemisia Lathbury (1841–1913) alt.
vv 3-4 Alexander Groves (1842-1909)

The Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John [6. 51-58]
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

For the Gospel of the Lord,
praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

Time of silence for reflection

Creed

Let us together affirm the faith of the Church.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for all people and for the Church throughout the world.

The minister says

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith: receive the prayers we offer.

Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

For the church

For all peoples

For our community

For those in need

Thanksgiving for the faithful departed

Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord.
And may light perpetual shine upon them.

Hear us, Father,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
**who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone; so that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

Mark 11.25

Silence may be kept.

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's table.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness.

**Merciful God, our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Offertory Hymn: AHB 438 / TiS 516. Tune, St Agnes.

1. **Here, gracious Lord, we see you face to face;
here would we touch and handle things unseen,
here grasp with firmer hand the eternal grace,
and for sustaining strength upon you lean.**
2. **Here would we feed upon the bread of God,
here drink with you the royal wine of heaven;
here would we lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.**
3. **We need no help but yours, nor do we need
another arm save yours to lean upon;
it is enough, O Lord, enough indeed;
our strength is in your might, your might alone.**
4. **Ours is the sin, but yours the righteousness;
ours is the guilt, but yours the cleansing blood;
here are our robe, our refuge and our peace —
your blood, your righteousness, O Lord our God.**
5. **Feast after feast thus comes and passes by,
yet, passing, points to that glad feast above,
giving sweet foretaste of the festal joy,
the Lamb's great bridal feast of bliss and love.**

Horatius Bonar 1808-89. *alt.*

Offertory Prayer

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
you bring forth bread from the earth.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
you create the fruit of the vine.

Blessed be God for ever.

Wheat and grape, this bread and wine,
are part of the riches of your earth.

**You are worthy, O Lord our God,
to receive glory and honour and praise
for you created all things
and by your will they have their being.**

We thank you, Father, that you formed us in your own image,
creating us male and female

and loving us even when we rebelled against you.

Above all, we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ.

You gave him to be the Saviour of the world.

He was born of the Virgin Mary

and lived on earth in obedience to you,
suffering death on the cross for our sins.

You raised him from the dead in glory;
through him you sent the Spirit as he had promised.

We give you thanks for the living hope
you have given us in Jesus Christ our Lord,
whom we praise with our lips and in our lives,
saying / singing:

||| **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Loving Father,
we praise you that, on the night before he died,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread and gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying,
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me. ✠

After supper he took the cup, gave you thanks
and, giving it to his disciples, said,
Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins:
do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me. ✠

Therefore, with these holy gifts we celebrate his offering of himself
made once for all on the cross,
we rejoice in his glorious resurrection and ascension,
and we look for his coming again:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Father, accept this offering of our duty and service,
this memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.
Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these your gifts
that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son. ✠

Grant that we who eat this bread and drink of this cup
may, with the hosts of angels
and all the company of heaven,
proclaim the glory of your name
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

Every time we eat this bread and drink of this cup
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Let us pray.

**We do not presume to come to your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.**

**Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
and to drink his blood,
that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us. Amen.**

The Invitation to Communion is given

Come, let us receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ,
given for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Reflection Hymn: AHB 446 / TiS 523. Tune, St Columba.

1. *Here, Lord, we take the broken bread
and drink the wine, believing
that by your life our souls are fed,
your parting gifts receiving.*
2. *As you have giv'n, so we would give
ourselves for others' healing;
as you have lived, so we would live
the Father's love revealing.*

Charles Venn Pilcher 1879–1961

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are confident to pray,

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Notices

Hymn—Tune, Sicilian Mariners.

- 1. Glory, honour, endless praises
here we offer, King of kings.
You are source of all our being,
Lord of all created things.**
- 2. Glory, honour, endless praises
to the Lamb who has been slain:
by your blood you ransomed sinners,
set your people free again.**
- 3. Called to serve from every nation,
kings and priests, we praise you, Lord,
and to Father and to Spirit
lift our hearts with one accord.**

Edwin Le Grice (1911 1992)
based on Revelation 4, 5 (A Song of Praise)

The Blessing & The Dismissal

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

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